

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Susumu Hizukuri, et al.

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Examiner: Patrick T. Lewis

Art Unit: 1623

For: **PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF L-ARABINOSE BY ACIDIC HYDROLYSIS**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 3, 5, 6, and 9 without prejudice.

Amend claims 1, 8 and 10 as follows:

Replacement Claims in Clean Form

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1. (Three times Amended) A process for the manufacture of L-arabinose, characterized in that, vegetable fiber selected from the group consisting of envelopes of corn grains, axis of ear of corn, wheat bran, barley bran, oat bran, rye bran, rice bran, defatted rice